

Live Bird Market Application, Biosecurity, and Training Requirements

Application Requirements:

You have to apply to the State Veterinarian for a license to operate.

You will get a premises identification number on your license.

To get this license, you have to:

- comply with regulations protecting against avian influenza.
- develop and use a written biosecurity plan outlining how to prevent the disease or its spread. *This plan must be approved by the State Veterinarian.*
- be inspected initially, randomly, and at least every quarter.
- allow the State Veterinarian access to review any records.

Biosecurity Plan Guidance:

- Explain how you will ensure clean and sanitary conditions for the premises and crates.
- Detail your cleaning and disinfecting process. How often will you clean? What disinfectants will be used? How will they be applied?
- Explain how you will handle the quarterly cleaning and disinfecting process and the required 24 hours of downtime.
- How will you dispose of poultry waste daily and which type of approved container (leak-proof bag, for example) will you use.
- Your procedures for waste disposal must be accepted by your local jurisdiction.
- Explain training for all employees in the use of your biosecurity plan.
- Give your plan for closure, depopulation, and cleaning and disinfecting if birds in your live market system test positive for avian influenza.

Training Requirements:

- Explain your plan for the training of all live bird market managers.
- The training needs to be approved of or provided by the State Veterinarian.
- Training Certificates given by the trainer need to be kept by you in personnel files.

For assistance in Live Bird Market application requirements, development of a biosecurity plan, or employee training, contact the Office of the State Veterinarian at (804) 786-2483.